

SENATE BILL No. 99

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-21-8-11.

Synopsis: Driving in the left lane. Makes it a Class C infraction for a vehicle to be driven continuously in the left lane of a laned roadway if it impedes the flow of other traffic. Requires a person who drives a vehicle in the left lane of a roadway that impedes the flow of traffic to move the vehicle to the right lane when the movement can be made with safety.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 6, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures.



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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-21-8-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 11. Whenever a
3 roadway has been divided into three (3) or more clearly marked lanes
4 for traffic, the following rules apply:
- 5 (1) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely
6 within a single lane and may not be moved from the lane until the
7 person who drives the vehicle has first ascertained that the
8 movement can be made with safety.
- 9 (2) Upon a roadway that is divided into three (3) lanes, a vehicle
10 may not be driven in the center lane except under any of the
11 following conditions:
- 12 (A) When overtaking and passing another vehicle where the
13 roadway is clearly visible and the center lane is clear of traffic
14 within a safe distance.
- 15 (B) In preparation for a left turn.
- 16 (C) Where the center lane is at the time allocated exclusively
17 to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and



1 is signposted to give notice of the allocation.
2 (3) Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving traffic to
3 use a designated lane or allocating specified lanes to traffic
4 moving in the same direction. A person who drives a vehicle shall
5 obey the directions of each sign.
6 **(4) A vehicle may not be driven continuously in the left lane of**
7 **a roadway that has more than one (1) lane designated or**
8 **allocated to traffic moving in the same direction if the vehicle**
9 **impedes the flow of other traffic. A person who drives a**
10 **vehicle in the left lane of a roadway described in this**
11 **subdivision that impedes the flow of traffic must move the**
12 **vehicle to the right lane when the movement can be made with**
13 **safety.**

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